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A WALK ALONG THE BOULEVARD:

Or,

October's Bright Blue

by Kim R. Turner

The research drawn together, the guides' throats sprayed, the handouts ready, your hardy walking tour guides and associates gathered on a somewhat misty, chill Oct. 23rd morning at the three rocks at First Avenue North and Highland Drive.

This small triangle of grass and rocks seemed an ample size to hold the expected crowd for the tour. Perhaps due to the nature of the tour, or the great publicity given it in the Queen Anne News/Magnolia News, there were 43 who came to learn of former inhabitants of some of the greater and lesser homes on the slope of Queen Anne Hill.

We walked down to Prospect Street, viewing both the Polson home and formerly Chappell house (now home to the Japanese Consul) then moved past the McGraw triangle, a second, larger bit of green on the slope, named for the second State Governor, John Harte McGraw, whose home stood on the site. It was one of many sites where the original house no longer stood, due to either disasters, encroachment, or greed.

We moved from Prospect Street, past the beautiful Brace family home, onto Bigelow, de jure

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Step into the new millenium at the next Historical Society Meeting:

Discover the Experience Music Project

Wed. Nov. 17, 7:30 pm

Next year Seattle will experience not only the new millenium, but also the opening of the controversial and long awaited Experience Music Project at the Seattle Center. This remarkable architectural structure is now blossoming on lower Queen Anne. Designed by world reknowned architect, Frank Gehry, it will be a museum, a musical how-to-do-it workshop, and a performance center.

**Join your friends and neighbors at our next public meeting
to hear Patti Payne preview the EMP**

Wed., Nov. 17, 7:30 pm

**McClure Middle School Library
First West and West Crockett**

Patti Payne, Director of Community and Public Affairs for Paul Allen's Experience Music Project, will present a video and discuss the background of this project, what the EMP will be, how the building will work, and how it came to be. When opened, it will draw from around the world and will be a landmark Queen Anne building. You can end this millenium with a sneak preview of what the future will bring. Goodby 20th century, hello 21st century!

This free, public meeting begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School Library at 1915 1st Ave. W. on Queen Anne. For more information, contact Del Loder at 282-8771.

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MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Membership fees for the 1999-2000 season were due in May. If you have not renewed for the current year your name has been removed from our mailing list. Please use the coupon on p. 3 to renew, or for more information, contact our Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 284-8369. We encourage your renewals at any time. The heritage movement needs your involvement.

CALENDAR OF

Wed. Nov. 17th

Program: Patti Payne, Director of Community and Public Affairs for the *Experience Music Project* McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (see story, p. 1)

Sat. Nov. 27th

Holiday History Market at the Museum of History and Industry. The QAHS will have a table at the market. Come by and say hello. 10am-5pm.

Wed. Dec. 8th

Board Meeting: Monthly meeting of the Queen Anne Historical Society Board. Find out the backstory on current issues and projects. This month features a holiday potluck. 7pm. Call John Hennes at 284-2266 if you wish to attend.

Wed. Jan. 19th

Program: The first program of the new millenium has not yet been firmed up. We will include details on the upcoming *Nearby History* program. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See story, p. 3)

Tue. Mar. 28th

AKCHO Program: Keep this date for a rare meeting on Queen Anne of the Association of King County Historical Organizations.

SOCIETY NEWS

New Members Welcomed

Many thanks to our recent new members for their heritage commitment:

Jaqueline A. Beatty
Susan Dittig & James Gore
Kristine Ingraham
Helen I. Ivey
Richard Miller
Don Ridge
Michael Subit & Leslie Hagin
Michael Warren

Holiday History Market

MOHAI's 3rd annual holiday market will be held Sat. Nov. 27, 10am-5pm at the museum. Your QAHS will be present. This is your chance to pick up (continued on p.4)

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Boulevard Walk, Continued from p. 1

part of the Boulevard complex, designed by the Olmsted brothers, sons of Frederick Law Olmsted who designed Central Park in New York, among many other civic improvements across the U.S. The city of Seattle, in its 'progressive' phase, following the Alaskan gold rush days, began the construction of the Queen Anne Boulevard in the second decade of this century, finishing the major portion of work around 1920. There are signs now posted to show the Boulevard repairs' currently being put in place. We passed by many interesting homes, some of whose residents have lived in their homes for over half a century.

We strolled down Comstock Place to visit Bhy Kracke Park, named for Werner "Bhy" Kracke, a philanthropist who lived adjacent to the park site, and who tried to acquire the land for the city parks system, but whose generosity was forestalled by his untimely death in 1971, returning from Hawaii. The park site was eventually acquired, and laid out in several terraces, to take in the views of downtown Seattle, Lake Union, Capitol Hill, Lake Washington (part) and Mount Rainier. We moved on, passing by a public trail from Fifth North connecting with the Boulevard. On to Galer, where we toiled up the three flights of stairs and viewed the former homes of the Stoms, Eylers, and Harry Ballinger, youngest man to pass the Bar, whose career ran 80 years.

Going by and around The Queen Anne, formerly Queen Anne High School, we learned that a number of our tour group were graduates of the great old school, and shared memories of the place from their eras of attendance. To the west side of the building, down past the site of the former Kuay Hi-Spot, hangout of the darker element of high-schoolers, and through the portal to view the fountain, on the site of the former 800-seat auditorium, back through the portal, and on down Second Avenue North, where we viewed the 'modern' Victorian house which stands on the site of the home of Queen Anne High teacher Mabel Furry, longest-serving teacher at the school.

We rounded the corner at 'Highland Place' (now 2nd) onto the upper level of Highland Drive. Passing by several great houses, we shared stories of the Riddle House, and the formerly attractive Whitney mansion, whose original shape is all but lost under vast modernization. It was interesting to see how many buildings have been replaced by modern homes, some of which blend into the neighborhood well; others have made a different statement.

Back down the street to the triangle again, and a good time was had by all, even your President, whose foot injury the previous day failed to stop his carrying on the old stage adage, "The Show Must Go On." (President's note: I must remember to face my audience when delivering notes [write on the blackboard 100 times]). See you next year for tours.

Nearby History-2000 Starts in January

This program, developed and presented by MOHAI, with the support of the Seattle Public Library, will offer an eight-session series on how to do historical research and writing on local history, family history, house history, etc. It is aimed at individuals and will be held at the Queen Anne Library. It includes lectures, discussions and possibly some field trips. The program is to start Thur.

Jan. 20 and runs every other week, for 16 weeks (thru late April or early May). The same program is being offered in two other areas outside of Seattle, but this is the only one in Seattle in 2000.

The Queen Anne Historical Society is a sponsor of this highly regarded series. We hope you will plan to participate in parts of the program to pursue your own historical interests. More details will be available in January.

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

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The Sept. Program looks at the bold Experience Music Project

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER BY KIM TURNER

After a red-letter month in your President's life, I am amazed that I still function. For the last few months I have been working on three special programs: for the library (my place of employment) I have met with other staff members to pull together a 'staff education day' for the entire staff of Seattle Public Library and all of its branches and stations. This all-day affair came together on Friday, October 22nd, and was held at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center, the massive structure which overhangs the Freeway in downtown Seattle. We met primarily to focus on the forthcoming moves of the downtown library and several of its branches. The day ended with a great slide/talk given by architect Rem Koolhaas, the designer-elect for the new downtown building, which will replace the 1960 building now on the site.

The second committee (which I chaired) was the annual fall banquet for the Queen Anne High School Alumni Association, held at Anthony's HomePort in Ballard on Oct. 16th. 75 alums were expected; 83 attended. Your President provided the desserts, which consisted of several chocolate covered items. The luncheon was considered successful, in spite of the vocal techniques of the chairman in rendering a version of the great Al Jolson "Anniversary Song."

The third program on which I labored was the walking tour which was held Saturday, Oct. 23. (see p. 1)

The only things which set the month back (for me) were the physical ailments that occurred on the afternoon of the 22nd and 23rd. On leaving the Staff Day scene, I

managed to step wrongly, and pulled a tendon in my left foot. Three hours after the completion of the walking tour the next day, while enroute to the downtown library to make copies of the walking tour materials for the archives, I was the victim of a kidney stone attack. For those of you who are unaware of what kidney stones can do, this is considered the closest thing which can befall a man that is related to the pain of childbirth. I am happy to say my recovery is assured, if not as quickly as I would wish.

Remember, this can happen to you - it may be caused by diet, or heredity, or some pathological condition in the body which has triggered the production of the stone. I have heard stories from my co-workers of spouses who suffered multiple stones at once. I think myself lucky, and am looking forward to putting my best foot forward in the future. Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving to all!

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gift items from a variety of heritage organizations, authors and film makers including Paul Dorpat, Richard Berner and Stephen Sadis.

New Society Office at Bayview

Bayview Manor has graciously provided the Society with limited, free archival storage facilities for many years. Recently they reviewed their commitment and were able to make available a much larger space, on the third floor. This will allow us much better working and storage space. The Society is very grateful for the long term support Bayview has provided, and for this new working

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